NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BAKERSFIELD TOWN REPORT – 2026

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC projects and programs strengthen the capacity of local government and serve local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region have two locally appointed members of the Board of Commissioners.

2026 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Provided training to the newly established Bakersfield Development Review Board and assisted the town with transitioning from a ZBA to DRB.
- Provided technical assistance to update the Bakersfield Town Plan, funded by an FY25 Municipal Planning Grant. Milestones in 2026 included completing a full draft plan, presenting it to the community and incorporating feedback.
- Supported the Town with writing a FY27 Municipal Planning Grant application to update the Town's Development Regulations.
- Conducted site visit related to a potential project to address water quality concerns.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.
- Assisted Bakersfield Conservation Commission with completion of a Community Tree Planting grant and with finding new grant opportunities for restoration of the historic barn on the village green.
- Assisted with implementation of the grant for energy efficiency improvements to public buildings.
- Coordinated with DEC and NRPC transportation staff regarding road drainage needs, road erosion inventory updates, and Municipal Roads General Permit requirements.
- Presented a funding opportunity to the Selectboard for upgrading the Lost Nation Road double culvert.
- Supported the town with efforts to update sidewalk planning along VT Route 108.

This year NRPC will assist our member municipalities with grant applications, project management, water quality project implementation, and local road permit compliance. NRPC will support transportation planning, energy planning and project management, zoning bylaw updates, emergency preparedness, and other needed services. NRPC will fund clean-up and redevelopment of brownfields sites and help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource – we are here to help with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.

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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Water and wastewater project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Lamoille & Missisquoi Valley Rail Trails
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

William Irwin & Linda McCall

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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